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Blood Drive
in Saunemin
March 18
The American Red Cross of the Heartland will hold a blood drive Thursday, March 18, from 2 to 6 p.m. in the Saunemin Community Center on North Street.
To make an appointment to donate blood, call Karen Kohlmeier 815-832-4403.

Tri-Point Board of Education
Meets, Employs Staff
The Board of Education of Tri-Point CUSD #6J held a regular meeting on March 8 at 7 p.m. at Tri-Point Upper Elementary/Junior High, Piper City. Board members Ted Conkling, Amy Fecht, Dewaine Haag, Kris Haag, Sharon Mogged, Cherie Smolkovich and Lloyd Vaughn were present.
Action taken by the board included: Approved consent agenda (meeting minutes, treasurer's report and accounts payable); accepted the resignations of Pat Johnson as librarian, Derek Sieg as junior high health and P.E. teacher, and Casey Hadley as fifth and sixth grade girls' basketball coach; Employed certified tenured staff – Justin Cox; employed fourth-year certified non-tenured staff – Linda Avery, Alison Buckley, John Edwards, Jeff

Dwight Photographers, Pontiac Author to Sign Cookbooks at Emling Florist
Charlotte Zierer, author of "The Cookbook You Grab First," and Jennifer Drach and Matthew Drach, photographers of the cookbook, will be at the Emling Florist open house on East Main Street, Dwight, on Saturday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign cookbooks.
Zierer was raised in Pontiac. She graduated from Pontiac Township High School and then from DePauw University. Having spent her professional career working for various national home builders in the Chicago market, Zierer was not immune to the recent economic recession and was laid off. Making the best of her time out of work, Charlotte decided to dedicate her time to doing something she has always been passionate about: cooking.
"The Cookbook You Grab First" was born when she concentrated her effort and time outside of the corporate world and into her own kitchen, doing what she knows and loves – making good food. Sharing that love of food and how easy it can be to prepare is her goal.
Zeirer is married with three children and two grandchildren.



Bake Sale at Heritage Manor for Fireworks
Heritage Manor of Dwight will hold a bake sale Friday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Proceeds will go toward the annual Dwight Independence Day fireworks show.

Flott, Michael Franey, Kim Hughes, Marge Lucht, Gary McDaniel, Dana Phipps-Arnett and Scott Saffer; employed third-year certified non-tenured staff – Donna Lee, Sally Perce, Elisa Saunders and Marianne Stevenson; employed second-year certified non-tenured staff: Casey Hadley, Tom Keever, Ashley Nissen, Ann Nugent, Valerie Wahls and Kate Walter; employed first-year certified non-tenured staff – Mary Katherine Mangan;
Employed Casey Hadley as junior high eighth grade girls' basketball coach; and approved early graduation for Kelly Steffens.
The next regular board of education meeting will be Monday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at the Stelle Community Building, Stelle.

Jennifer Drach graduated from Dwight Township High School in 1994 and Matthew Drach graduated from Dwight Township High School in 1997. The sister-brother team shoots weddings, engagements, family, architectural and still life photography. They shot in southern California for eight years and currently shoot in the northern Chicagoland area and southern Wisconsin. "The Cookbook You Grab First" is their first collection of published images.
Jennifer Drach, earned her Bachelor of Arts from Illinois Wesleyan University and Master of Arts from Azusa Pacific University, California; and Matthew Drach earned his Bachelor of Arts from Columbia College Chicago. The team is interested in photographing imaginative, expressive and authentic images. Both photographers believe visual stories are best told with generous amounts of natural lighting and spontaneous interactions with subjects. Their business website is www.jenniferdrach.com
"The Cookbook You Grab First" represents some of Zierer's most cherished recipes and includes many

images and step-by-step guidelines so even a beginning cook can visualize the end product. It is noteworthy that the author not only was her own food stylist for the entire photo shoot for her first book, but she also specified that only fresh food, exclusively prepared by herself, was immediately plated and photographed. What you see in this cookbook is exactly what came directly out of her kitchen – no modifications or alterations were made to the food you see in the book.
Because Zeirer wholeheartedly believes that simple, fresh ingredients precipitate the best meals for daily living and entertaining, the recipes included in this cookbook do not require special ingredients that cost extra money, nor are they terribly difficult to find.
Zierer learned the simple joy of creative cooking from many memorable hours in her mother's kitchen in rural Illinois. She learned at an early age that good food does not have to be extravagant in order to bring family and friends together. As a child, evening mealtime meant precious family time together and when Charlotte had her



THE SISTER-BROTHER TEAM of Jennifer Drach, and Matthew Drach, above, gave life with photographs to the recipes in "The Cookbook You Grab First." Cookbook author Charlotte Zierer is at right.

own children, she continued this important tradition. Know-ing that children can oftentimes be the harshest of critics and the pickiest of eaters, with all sorts of trials and errors she perfected recipes that were pleasing both to her children and adults alike. After being asked to write down recipes once too often, she was inspired to write a cookbook of her own so that she might



share the collection of recipes she has created and modified over the last 40 years.

Gardner Village Board Talks Real Estate Tax Abatement

The Gardner Village Board opened its Monday, March 8 regular session with Village Attorney Scott Belt providing a status update on the codification project.
The board first discussed charges on the current bill listing in addition to the prior "final payment" for the project. It was determined the charges were for items the board requested in addition to the original project such as online searching, renumbering and additional materials. The new code books are in possession of the village and there will be meetings with the village board and

zoning board of appeals to finalize the project. Belt requested to publish the public hearing required prior to finalization. The zoning board of appeals next meets on April 6, and Belt proposed to hold the meeting before that time. The public hearing is only required for the zoning board amendments, and the entire code is available on the Internet. Belt will include the Internet address in the public meeting notice. The web address for the code is www.amlegal.com/library/il/gardner.shtml
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Hileman opened discussion on the abatement of the 2009 real estate taxes assessed by the village. Hileman proposed abating one half of the village's assessment, with each homeowner receiving an abatement of one-half of his or her assessment, resulting in each taxpayer realizing a different amount. The total cost to the village will be roughly \$37,100. The abatement will affect all residents, in and out of the TIF districts. Belt will revise the 2009 resolution for the current proposal and provide it to the village for signatures, and then provide the execut-

ed document to the county clerk. The motion passed with commissioner Gary Cox casting the lone dissenting vote.
Commissioner Mike Serena notified the board he is researching the purchase of a utility vehicle for the public works department. The vehicles he is reviewing are battery-operated and would be used for meter reading and other short-drive activities. Serena is hoping the vehicle would reduce fuel costs to the village as an offset to the village's cost.
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Serena is currently in the

DGS Makes First Staff Reductions

State Funded Pre-K Programs Could Go

by Madelyn Fogarty
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There was a somber ending to last Wednesday's meeting of the Dwight Grade School Board of Education when the board elected to reduce two teaching positions.
Brought on primarily by a nationwide economic struggle and the State of Illinois' financial crisis which may see schools in Illinois taking a \$1.1 billion hit next year, the troubled district was left with little option but to make moves that could eliminate the grant funded Pre-Kindergarten programs entirely. Without necessary State grant monies received

to ensure the Pre-K programs will be able to continue next year, the board approved non-renewal notices for Pre-K Block teacher Leslie Grieff and Pre-K for All / Transitional Pre-K teacher Kaislie Siron.
"The decision was strictly based on not knowing what the state will do," Superintendent Dale Adams told *The Paper*. "These programs are paid predominately out of State grants."
The March 10 board actions were necessary since certified staff non-renewal notices must be presented at least 60 days prior to the end of the school year. Should State funds for the Pre-K programs come through,

reinstating the teachers could be a possibility. However, while Superintendent Adams indicated he feels the monies will become available to fund the Pre-K Block program which addresses Pre-K students with the most need, he feels doubtful that funding will come for the Pre-K For All and Transitional Pre-K programs.
"Last year, over the entire state, education received \$10.9 billion. Next year, Governor Quinn is projecting that will be \$9.8 billion. The only way that the State can reduce that amount is to address the state aid which is the major funding source for Illinois schools," said

Adams.
The cuts were the first of possibly many to come if the Dwight Grade School District does not find other ways to relieve the anticipated \$576,000 deficit that the school will realize by the end of the 2010-11 school year. One critical way the board is hoping to alleviate the deficit is by the community coming together in support of a tax referendum.
"At the last meeting, the board took a major step in addressing the budget for next year in seeking a referendum," Superintendent Adams told the crowd of community members and teachers who attended the
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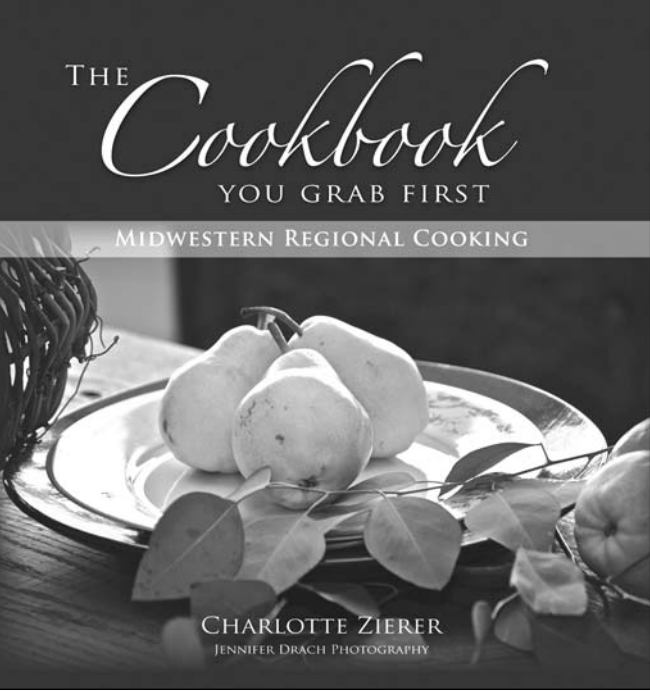
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Dwight Village Board Reacts Cautiously Regarding Geothermal Boring Request
by Madelyn Fogarty
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The Dwight Village Board acted March 8 on a Utilities Committee recommendation regarding a geothermal test bore request made by the Dwight School Districts in February.

Dwight Public Schools were seeking a permit allowing a test bore of 200 feet to determine feasibility of a geothermal heating and cooling system. After consideration and investigation by village officials, the committee recommended to the board that a test bore of up to 45 feet deep be allowed along with a requirement that a higher grade bentonite be used to fill and seal off the test bore. In addition, the committee recommended that Dwight Public Works be allowed to oversee the project. The board voted in favor of the committee’s recommendations, with Trustee Mike Woods casting a negative vote.

The cautious recommendation was driven by concern from village officials centering on drilling into the aquifer that is the source of Dwight’s water supply. The aquifer lies approximately 150 feet below the earth’s surface. Possible contamination of the village water supply and other concerns caused the guarded decision.

In other matters from the March 8 Utilities Committee meeting report to the board, the committee agreed to request an extension of \$650,000 on the current Water Works Bond. Earlier this year, the board agreed to refinancing and extend the 1994 Water Works Bond, which could have allowed the Village of Dwight to borrow up to an additional \$2 million for needed water-related repairs. Deteriorating water mains have raised concerns, and village officials in favor of borrowing additional money feel waiting much longer to begin repairs could ultimately be more costly. However, securing more debt has been controversial.

Earlier discussions included the possibility of extending the bond up to an additional \$1.2 million. However, the committee reduced its immediate project scope and concluded that the \$650,000 figure will allow

the village to address the top two water main projects on its priority list along with allowing for refurbishing two village water towers. The bond is currently due to expire in 2014, but the recommendation could extend the loan an additional two to two and a half years. An official recommendation to refinancing and extend the bond will be presented to the board at its March 22 meeting.

The Utilities Committee also reported that discussion took place regarding village water and rate concerns brought to the board in February by a local property owner. The committee noted that comparisons made between Dwight and other municipalities were invalid due to differing circumstances. No actions were taken. The committee also reported that options continue to be reviewed regarding concerns about a lack of storm sewer drains in certain areas. According to an earlier complaint, water being pumped into the street on the 300 block of Andrew due to a village requirement that storm drainage may not be routed through the village’s sanitary sewer system has caused deterioration of concrete in the area, along with other issues from standing water.

In a report from the office of the Chief of Police, the board learned that a tobacco compliance check recently took place at Dwight establishments and found that four

out of 10 local businesses that sell tobacco proved non-compliant with regard to selling tobacco to minors.

In other business, the board:

- recognized Dwight Waterworks personnel for maintaining perfect compliance in 2009 for 12 consecutive months in accordance with the State of Illinois Fluoridation Law.
- agreed to a Dwight Lions request for a \$500 donation to be used for stocking Lions Lake and learned that a youth fishing derby will be held at the lake in July.
- learned that a small battery recycling program is underway and small (AA, A, C, D, etc.) batteries are being collected at the Village Hall, Berta Hardware, and Bill’s Barber Shop.
- heard a request asking the village to purchase an ice machine at an estimated cost of \$2,500 for the Dwight youth baseball and softball leagues. The request was sent to the Properties Committee for discussion.
- responded to a public question regarding testing of the inactive well southeast of town and indicated the well has dropped approximately two feet since being drilled but was considered functional and could produce about 300 gallons per minute.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board will be Monday, March 22, at 6 p.m. in the Public Services Complex.

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Cardiff Legend Bob Romanetto Passes Away at Welding Shop

by Jim Ridings

Not many towns can boast of a home-grown legend. But the town of Cardiff is small and Bob Romanetto was big.

Bob died March 7 in the welding shop in Cardiff he ran with his brother, Gary.

Cardiff is the once-booming coal town between Dwight and Herscher that had as many as 2,500 people at its peak between 1900 and 1912. It now has about two dozen residents.

Cardiff also had two banks, two grain elevators, a large school, a church, a semi-pro baseball team with a large grandstand, a bottling plant, a hotel, numerous stores, rail service and as many as 16 saloons at one time.

And today it has an official state historical marker, only one of two in Livingston County (the other is in Chatsworth).

The historical marker came after a history of the town, "Cardiff, Ghost Town on the Prairie" was published in 2006. I spent two years researching something that was long gone, tracking down descendants all over the nation.

The people who live at Cardiff are very proud of the town that existed there a hundred years ago. Both Gary and Bob Romanetto were among those who were very supportive. Gary donated the land for the historical marker. Both helped with the site and have greeted the steady stream of visitors who

have come to the remote site every week since it was dedicated on August 26, 2007.

Bob Romanetto was a modern-day Cardiff icon, as his aunt, Betty Biava, was in her era. The Romanettos came to Cardiff long after the coal mine closed. James Romanetto arrived in 1927 to work for the railroad. His sister, Betty Biava, moved there in 1940 and opened a general store, which she ran until 1978. Betty was known as a saint, something to which anyone who grew up in the Cardiff-Campus-Reddick area can testify. She died in 1996.

James and Elsie Romanetto had three sons, Marvin, Gary and Bob. Gary and Bob stayed in Cardiff, opening their welding shop in Betty's old store (the last Cardiff business building still standing).

Bob liked to put on a gruff exterior to people as a first impression. It rarely fooled anyone. Bob was too nice to pull it off.

A Kankakee newspaper, in a story about the Cardiff book in July 2006, described Bob as "the Cardiff giant, tall and with the look of an Old Testament prophet about him, big-bearded and shaggy-haired." Bob described himself as the "mayor" of Cardiff and as the "town drunk," both in that newspaper story and on his LinkedIn website. That also really wasn't true, and he had too much competition in Cardiff to truly claim that crown.

Bob showed his sense of humor at the dedication of



Bob Romanetto dressed as the "Cardiff Prophet"

the Cardiff memorial. Using props from a local church, he dressed up as the Cardiff Prophet before the ceremonies.

Bob Romanetto was a legend in Cardiff and beyond. He was a great guy. He will be missed.

Fatal Crash Monday

A traffic crash early Monday morning, March 15, claimed the life of a 25-year-old Gardner area man. The crash occurred on IL 53 and Smith Road in Braceville.

Grundy County Coroner John Callahan and the Grundy County Sheriff's Department are investigating the accident.

Preliminary investigation indicates that Justin Ray Burger was a passenger in a vehicle that was traveling northbound on IL 53 approaching Smith Road. The vehicle crossed the lane of traffic and traveled on the shoulder, then came back

across traffic and left the roadway on the southeast side of the highway, traveling approximately 200 feet before striking a tree.

Mr. Burger was pronounced dead at the scene by Callahan at 1:45 a.m.

The driver of the vehicle was transported to Morris Hospital, then airlifted to another facility.

The crash will be reconstructed by the Illinois State Police.

Braceville and Braidwood Fire and Ambulance assisted at the scene of the accident.

Masonic Lodge Sponsoring Blood Drive in Dwight

Livingston Masonic Lodge #371 of Dwight will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive Tuesday, March 23, from noon to 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Dwight.

Donors may walk in or call 1-800-GIVELiFe, ext. 1 (1-800-448-3543) or visit www.give-bloodgivelife.org to make an appointment or for more information. A blood donor card or driver's license, or two other forms of identification, are required at check-in. Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old, or 16 with a signed Red

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Grundy County Board of Health to Meet

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Marjorie Drury to Celebrate 90th Birthday with Open House

Marjorie Drury of Pontiac, formerly of Emington, will celebrate her 90th birthday Saturday, March 20, when her family will host an open house at Asta Care, Pontiac, from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Marjorie, the daughter of Clarence and Ethel Hoerner, was born March 19, 1920, in Pontiac. She married Russell Drury on January 5, 1939, in Flanagan. He died January 11, 1998.

They had two sons, Alvin (Jane) Drury of Pontiac, and Harold, who is deceased. Marjorie has four grandchildren and five great-grand-

children.

She also has one sister, Dorothy (Orville) Rients, and a brother, Richard (Vonnice) Hoerner; one sister and four brothers are deceased. She has several nieces and nephews.

Her entire life, Marjorie was a homemaker. Her hobbies and interests have included playing cards, bingo and fishing. At the present time, she enjoys craft work at Asta Care.

Cards may be sent to her at Asta Care, 300 W. Lowell Ave., Pontiac, IL 61764. She requests no gifts.



Zachary Michael Bumpous

A boy!

Mike and Lorna Bumpous of South Wilmington announce the birth of their son, Zachary Michael Bumpous.

Zachary was born Thursday, December 13, 2009, at 5:29 p.m. He weighed eight pounds, four ounces and was 21½ inches long.

He was welcomed home by big brother Ryan James, two and a half years old.

Maternal grandparents are Herb and Susan Wilkins of Carlock. Paternal grandparents are Dan Bumpous and Lucy Fox of Braceville.

Maternal great-grandmother is Charlene Wilkins of Shirley. Paternal great-grandparents are Betty Bumpous of Essex and the late James and Elsie Hoffman.



Josephine Elizabeth Joyce

A girl!

Sean and Jenni Joyce of Lockport announce the birth of their daughter, Josephine Elizabeth Joyce.

Josephine was born Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 3:10 p.m. at Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet. She weighed eight pounds, 11 ounces and was 20¾ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Dave Moyemont of Dwight and Lisa Tarver of Odell. Maternal great-grandfather is Bob Lambert of Odell.

Paternal grandparents are John and Terry Joyce of Tinley Park. Paternal great-grandparents are Earl and Noreen Joyce of Burbank and Thomas "Red" and Jane O'Connor of Tinley Park.



Kari McMurtry and Aaron Butts

Kari McMurtry Engaged to Aaron Butts

Tom and Paula McMurtry of LaSalle-Peru announce the engagement of their daughter, Kari McMurtry of LaSalle, to Aaron Butts of Dwight, son of Mike and Beth Butts of Dwight.

The couple will be married June 19, 2010, at 2 p.m. in Lighthouse Baptist Church, LaSalle.

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Gardner Beautification Corner

by Barb Phillips

The Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor Weekend will be May 1 and 2.

Runners, walkers and rockers will be part of this year's Red Carpet Corridor Weekend. Starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 1, runners and walkers will start the third annual 5k Doo-Run Run. More information and a contact number will be published in the future.

Saturday, May 1, we will have our "Meet and Greet," which means we will welcome and visit with travelers passing through our town on historic Route 66.

We will also host a bake sale at the gazebo along with our spring flower sales. Baked items will be needed, so please let us know if you can make your favorite desserts to donate!

Our spring flower sales will be very appropriate on May Day, May 1. The more pink petunias we can sell and plant in Gardner, the prettier our town will be. We plan to have the flower containers on Depot and Liberty streets and at the historic jail planted, and also at the welcome sign at the west entry of town. After the long winter, they will be a beautiful sight. Our future flower sales will

be mums in the fall and poinsettias in December.

On Sunday, May 2, you will see some "rockers" in town. Seems like Chicago isn't the only place with parking problems. Both the Church of Hope and United Lutheran Church of Gardner are working on expanding their parking areas, and church members will volunteer in a Rock-a-thon to benefit their Parking Lot Funds.

Anyone can participate. "Rockers" need to provide their own rocking chairs, register to rock at either church to receive their sponsor sheet, and find their own sponsors. Monies will go to their designated church. The location will be on Depot Street if weather conditions allow.

Our Beautification Committee under Lions Service includes members Barb Phillips, 815-237-8305; Ida Schopp, 815-237-2287; Pat Malinowski, 815-237-8630; or Julie Hughes, 815-634-4734. If you have an interest in joining or helping us in any way, contact us. Our meetings are at 5 p.m., preceding the regular Lions meeting at 6 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month at the Gardner Restaurant.

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Redbird Family Fun Night March 19

Dwight Grade School's annual Redbird Family Fun Night will be held this Friday, March 19.

As in previous years, the event will include several inflatable activities, such as big slides and bounce houses. For a fee, children can receive a wristband for unlimited turns on the inflatables during their session. Parents do not have to pay admission.

The wristbands also get the children admittance to the event and the opportunity to play a variety of games, a cake walk and enjoy kid favorites at the concession stand, such as hot dogs, sno-cones and baked goods. Games and food can be enjoyed by purchasing tickets.

This event is for DGS students only, although siblings are also welcome. To ensure both older and younger children have a fun time, two sessions will be

held. The first session will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. for grades pre-K through fourth grade. The second session, for grades five through eight, will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Wristbands can be purchased in advance, and forms will be sent home from school with students. They also may be purchased at the door on that evening. The event is sponsored by the DGS PTO.

Benefit to be Held in Kankakee for Katelyn Joyce of Essex

A benefit is being held for Katelyn Joyce, who was diagnosed February 13 with leukemia.

Katelyn is the daughter of Pat and Rita Scott Joyce of Essex. She has a brother, Collin Joyce, and a sister, Jennifer Wise. Her grandparents are Donald and Dorothy Scott of Dwight and Jerry and Janet Joyce of Reddick. Aunts and uncles include Kathy and Russell Scott, Dan Scott, Frances Rafferty and Ron and Pam Scott of Dwight; Judy and Dennis Forneris of Reddick; and other aunts and uncles in Kankakee and Springfield. Katelyn's mother is a 1981 graduate of Dwight Township High School.

Katelyn is currently taking several chemo treatments a day at Prentice Women's Hospital in Chicago. To raise funds for her medical expenses, a benefit will be

held Saturday, March 27, at the Knights of Columbus hall, 187 S. Indiana Ave., Kankakee, from 7 p.m. to midnight. A donation will be requested at the door.

A dessert bar will feature truffles, cookies, brownies, Katelyn's favorite cupcakes, and pop. A cash bar will also be available. Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the night for various gift baskets and other items, including an autographed Devin Hester Chicago Bears jersey. Entertainment will be provided by the band "Your Pop Culture Failure" and DJ Todd Giroux.

Donations can be made to the "Katelyn Joyce Benefit" account at First American Bank, Bourbonnais.

T-shirts to wear to the benefit, as well as more information, are available by calling Jen at 815-351-2199.

Community Players of Streator Announces 2010 Productions

Community Players of Streator, Inc.'s 2010 season will feature a wide range of musicals, comedy and drama.

The 53rd theater season opens with the comedy musical, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."

In June, the Futrelle sisters from last season's comedy "Dearly Beloved" return to the stage in "Christmas Belles." The show runs June 20-26.

The classic musical "The Music Man" comes to the Engle Lane stage July 18-24.

"Godspell Junior" is a best-loved musical by two-time Academy Award winner Stephen Schwartz. The show runs August 15-21.

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DTHS Library Club Hosts Author James Kennedy

On Tuesday, March 2, the Dwight Township High School Library Club hosted James Kennedy, author of the young adult fantasy novel “The Order of Odd-Fish.”

Mrs. Trewartha had invited all English and art classes on a “field trip” to the library, where Kennedy enchanted both young and old with his reading of two particular scenes from the novel, his first published work. During the course of the four class periods, nearly 200 students and seven teachers journeyed with Kennedy to the fantasy world of Eldritch City.

Following the two readings and a brief question-and-answer period, Kennedy brought out three large tubs of costumes and props. As pencils and paper were distributed, the students were directed to pair up and write a script for the scene in which the main character, Jo, and her opponent, Fiona,

slung wondrously complex and lengthy verbal insults and threats at each other before mounting their flying ostriches to do battle. Kennedy had already set high the tenor of expectation with his animated theatrical reading of the zany, nonsensical and frequently gross narrative of both Jo and Fiona.

At each session, six to eight sets of actors, including one trio and two quads, took the challenge to its fullest by performing their script in costume for the enjoyment of all present. Even the teachers, Ms. Presswood, Mrs. Heinrich, Mr. Cobb and Mr. Fiske, thrilled the audiences with their own creatively gross and laughably nasty insults and threats, teaming up with students each hour to compete in the Eldritch City arena, The Dome of Doom.

As each session concluded, Mrs. Trewartha held a drawing for one hardback



AUTHOR JAMES KENNEDY (left) stands with DTHS Library Club officers Gabby Davis (center) and Kate Muller and a pan of brownies decorated by Davis and her mother to represent the cover of Kennedy's book, “The Order of Odd-Fish.” Kennedy visited DTHS March 2.

copy of “The Order of Odd-Fish.” In addition, copies were available for purchase direct from Kennedy, who autographed each copy he sold.

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Gardner Village Board Talks Real Estate Tax Abatement — — —

(continued from page 1) Serena is currently in the pricing stage and will report back to the board when he has firm numbers. He estimates the payback in fuel over three to four years.

Commissioner Gary Cox reported he has been researching the abandoned vehicle ordinance. Cox would like the public works employees to call the sheriff's department when they

see a vehicle and have the deputies take pictures to begin the enforcement process, as the sheriff's department is responsible for enforcement. Hileman offered to review the current vehicle list and report back to Bexson.

Essex Lions to Host Pancake Breakfast

The Essex Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast Sunday, March 28, from 7 a.m. to noon at 217 Parls St., Essex.

The menu includes pancakes, French toast, hash browns, bacon, sausage, eggs any way you like, toast, orange juice, milk and coffee.

There will be separate pricing for adults and for children age 12 and younger.

The Essex Lions also host bingo at the same location every Wednesday, starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

DGS Makes First Staff Reductions State Funded Pre-K Programs Could Go — — —

(continued from page 1) meeting.

Over the past several months, the board has been considering difficult options for decreasing expenditures — reducing educational staff and administration; increasing class section sizes; and eliminating sports and other co-curricular activities are just a few of the long list of potential chopping block items. And, while the board took actions last month that reduced nearly \$160,000 from the budget, it decided to give the community a voice regarding the school's future before it made decisions that could greatly impact the educational future of DGS students. That voice will be heard next fall when a tax referendum for Dwight Grade School District #232 will be put to vote on the November ballot.

"This is an opportunity to take control and not be so reliant on the State," said board member Steve Tock.

Over one-third of the District's Education Fund revenue comes from State sources. In addition, nearly 47 percent of revenue for the district is realized from local property taxes. The current Education Fund maximum tax rate for District #232 is \$1.88.

Community members presented many concerns and questions to the board regarding a referendum and the District's future. One man stated he was "on the fence" about the proposed property tax increase and that he would need to see "every effort possible" being made by the board in order to buy

into the idea of a referendum. For some board members, "on the fence" was good news.

"I hope a lot of people are on the fence," said Tock. "because that means you haven't said no."

Educating the public on the school's financial situation, the impact of a referendum and developing a plan for the future will be among topics of discussion at special meetings that will take place beginning March 24 at 7 p.m. and continuing on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

"I think half of the problem with a referendum is people don't understand it — people don't understand school finances," said Board President Deb Christoff. "That is what these planning sessions will be about. Please come, bring people, let's talk, let's as a community act as one and figure it out, let's get it out there."

Superintendent Adams encouraged the public to view a listing of the school districts in the State at <http://iirc.niu.edu> and compare Dwight Grade School to others in the State. According to Adams, DGS has one of the lowest per pupil expenditures with a high academic performance.

In addition to approving two non-renewal notices, the board accepted the resignation of third grade teacher Lindsey Male effective with the close of this school year.

Certified staff that were reemployed for 2010-11 included non-tenured teachers Chuck Butterbrodt, Kellie Fraher, Nancy

Hanson, Suzanne Schall, Samantha Bastain, Michele Brummel, Erin Greenholt, Michael Guerrero, Pam Pagel, Melissa Richardson, Ted Wargo and Sarah Windham. Moving to tenure were Anne Bernstein, Dawne Hoerner and Mary Schultz. All tenured teachers were re-employed. The board also approved the re-employment of Principals Patricia Marshall and Mark Pagel.

In other business the board:

- approved a leave request for School Social Worker Beth Lawless.

- approved a professional services agreement with IASB for the upcoming superintendent search.

Dates to remember:

- Spring band and chorus concert, Thursday, March 18, 7 p.m.

- Early Kindergarten registration, Tuesday, March 30 noon — 6:30 p.m.

- 8th Grade Graduation, Thursday, May 27, 7 p.m.

- Last day of school, Tuesday, June 1, barring any more snow days.

The next regular session of the DGS Board of Education will be Wednesday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the school's library.

Odell Library Upcoming Events

The following programs and events are being held this month at Odell Public Library.

The library will provide a training program on how to use its online card catalog. The program will be held Wednesday, March 17, at 7 p.m. Call 815-998-2012 to register.

The next Odell Library adult book club program will feature "My Sister's Keeper," written by Jodi Picoult. Copies of the book are available for checkout; on Wednesday, March 24, at 2 p.m., the movie based on the book will be played. Refreshments will be provided, and a short discussion comparing the book and movie will follow.

The next Old Time Radio & TV Club program will be held Wednesday, March 24, at 6 p.m. Food will be potluck, and refreshments will be provided by the library.

If there are any questions regarding any of the above programs, or if there are any ideas for future programs, call the library at 815-998-2012 or review the website at www.odelllibrary.com

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)

OF)

MARY LOU CARTER,)

Deceased.)

No. 10-P-18

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of Mary Lou Carter of Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 23, 2010, to Doris A. Thomas, whose attorney is Gary M. Neville, 146 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 8, Dwight, Illinois, 60420.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the following address: Livingston County Circuit Clerk, Livingston County Courthouse, P.O. Box 320, Pontiac, Illinois 61764, or with the representative, or both, by not later than September 8, 2010, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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OBITUARIES

Margaret Violette Sumner

FLIPPIN, Ark. — Margaret Violette Sumner, 82, of Flippin, Arkansas, formerly of Essex, passed away February 19, 2010 at Twin Lakes Nursing Home in Flippin.



Cremation rites were accorded. A memorial visitation was held at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel, Saturday, March 13, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Mrs. Sumner was born Margaret Violette Hoffman, daughter of Orland and Emily Hoffman of rural Essex, on May 2, 1927. She married Thomas Sumner on June 22, 1946. He preceded her in death in December 2009.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Susan Pichik Sumner of Essex; two grandchildren, Stephanie Sumner and Brent Sumner of Essex; one bro-

ther, Daniel (Donna) Hoffman of Herscher; and five sisters: Anna Proto of Florida, Irene Hooper of Essex, Helen Tendall of Mountain Home, Arkansas, Waneta Schlosser of state of Washington and Marie Granger of South Wilmington.

Violette was also preceded in death two brothers, Aldan and George Hoffman, both of Essex.

Violette graduated from Reddick High School in 1944. During her life, Violette was employed by the State of Illinois at the Soldiers' Widows Home in Wilmington, Veronda's Grocery Store in Essex and in the Dietary Department at the Hospital of Canton, Illinois. She was a lifetime member and one-time state president of the Women's Relief Corps.

Memorial donations in her name may be made to the Essex Fire Department or the American Cancer Society.

Kathleen 'Kaye' Ann Walker

GLEN ELLYN — Kathleen "Kaye" Ann Bruett Walker, 74, of Glen Ellyn, formerly of Kempton, passed away February 28, 2010, at Central DuPage Hospital, Winfield, with her family at her bedside.

At her request, no formal services are being held to observe her passing.

Kaye was born in Port Huron, Michigan on August 12, 1935. She married Robert "Bob" Walker in 1957. Her husband of 54 years survives in Glen Ellyn.

Also surviving are her four children: Cathy Trader of Naperville; Linda Walker; Sara (John) Clarke of Glen Ellyn; and Robert Walker Jr. of Bemidji, Minnesota; three grandchildren: James Trader of Irvine, California; and Carolyn Clarke of Glen Ellyn; her mother, Florence Bruett of Georgetown, Texas; a sister, Nancy (John) Langdon of Sarasota, Florida; four brothers: Ray (Marianne) Bruett of Georgetown, Texas; Albert Bruett of St. Mary, Missouri; Karl Bruett of Taylorsville, North Carolina; and King Bruett of New Baltimore, Michigan; and an aunt, Kay Langdon of Sarasota, Florida.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Patricia, in 1961; her stepfa-

ther, Ray Bruett; and her uncle, Frank Langdon.

Kaye moved to Kempton in the late '40s with Kay and Frank Langdon, her aunt and uncle. She graduated from Kempton High School in 1953 and entered nurses training at Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Springfield. Unfortunately, Kaye contracted polio while in training and was forced to take a one-year sabbatical to recover. She returned to her studies and graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1957, and married her husband that same year. The couple settled in Springfield, where Kaye worked at Memorial Hospital. In the ensuing years, Kaye gave birth to five children, four of whom survived. In 1979, the family moved to Glen Ellyn.

Kaye Walker was a wonderful loving wife, mother and grandmother, a devoted friend and a talented nurse. She will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her.

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John Batista Hakey

EAST BROOKLYN — John Batista Hakey, 78, of East Brooklyn entered eternal life Sunday, March 14, 2010 at Heritage Manor in Dwight.

Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel, Wednesday, March 17, from 4 until 8 p.m.

Family and friends will meet at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington Thursday, March 18, for a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Rev. John Hornicak will officiate.

Cremation rites will be accorded following services. Inurnment will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Braidwood, at a later date.

John was born July 8, 1931 in Braceville to Louis F. and Aurelia C. Truffa Hakey. He was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, where he and Maria Sarti were joined in holy matrimony on September 29, 1951. He is a retiree of the Laborers Union Local #75; past president of the Catholic Men's Club of St. Lawrence Parish and the South Wilmington School

Board.

John served on the South Wilmington SWEB board. He was a 3rd degree member of the Braidwood Knights of Columbus #1574 and 4th degree member of Bishop McNamara Council in Kankakee.

He served as mayor of East Brooklyn for 28 years from 1978 until 2005, retiring due to ill health. John was an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan and enjoyed fishing.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Maria; two sons, John (Donna) Hakey of Braidwood and Joseph (Jeanette) Hakey of East Brooklyn; five grandchildren: Dwayne (Tracy) Hakey, Sara (Josh Johnke) Hakey, Jennifer Hakey, Angelo Hakey and Anthony Hakey; four great-grandchildren: Skylar Hakey, Isabel and Mekhi Hakey, and William Johnke.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a brother, Lawrence Hakey; and a sister, Jennie Gaddo.

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If you have any questions, please notify the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Warehouses, State Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 19281, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9281 on or before May 27, 2010.

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LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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Plaintiff,
v.
RICHARD DOUGLAS; et al.
Defendants,
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on January 8, 2008, I, Sheriff Robert McCarty, of LIVINGSTON COUNTY, Illinois, will on March 31, 2010, commencing at 10:00 a.m. at the Livingston County Courthouse, 112 W. Madison, Pontiac, IL 61764-0320, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to-wit:

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Red Hat Society Provides Friendship and Fun

by Meta Machulis

Being a senior citizen doesn't mean you can't stay active and have fun – and wear a fabulous hat in the process. Few exemplify this fact better than the ladies of the Red Hat Society.

If you've ever seen a group of mature women out for a day on the town, sporting red and purple garb, there's a good chance you've encountered a chapter of the Red Hat Society. Several chapters exist in the area, including one in Dwight.

According to its official website, "The Red Hat Society is the largest international social organization for women, dedicated to making the world a better place for our members by actively promoting and supporting fun, friendship, freedom, fulfillment and fitness for each individual, as well as demonstrating the value and contributions of women to society at large." Dwight chapter member Mary Johnson put it this way: "We serve no purpose other than to have fun." The group gathers for outings such as theater performances, shopping trips, tours and games.

Johnson was an original founder and leader of the Dwight chapter, along with Kathy Bunting. Current leaders – called "queen mums" – are Judy Zabel, Patricia Burkhalter and Diane Bricker. Johnson said the Dwight chapter of the Red Hat Society was founded about five or six years ago and had "maybe 100 members," but participation has dwindled to about 25 or 30 people since that time. Johnson said the Dwight chapter draws members from throughout the area, including Emington, Reddick and Pontiac.

Johnson said the majority of the Dwight chapter's members – dubbed "red hatters" -- are in their 50s to late 60s, with a few older.

She said many of the red hatters have spent many years serving their communities through church groups, school PTOs and charitable organizations and are now giving back to themselves with some leisure time through the Red Hat Society.

The Dwight chapter tries to meet once each month, Johnson said, but there is no set schedule. She explained that when someone in the group has an idea for an activity, members contact each other to organize the event.

"We have a phone tree or we get on the Internet and e-mail what's going on," Johnson said.

Because anyone in the group can plan an event, times are flexible.

"Most of the stuff we plan right now is in the evening, but anybody is welcome to plan and do things in the daytime," Johnson said.

In the recent past, the Dwight chapter has attended a performance of "Menopause: The Musical;" visited Tanner's Orchard in Speer (near Peoria); gathered to play bunco; and played games with residents of Heritage Woods after touring the facility. The chapter has also attended the Dwight Woman's Club's "Titanic" themed dinner; a Christmas tea at the David Davis Mansion in Bloomington; as well as meetings of the National Red Hat Society, of which the Dwight chapter is a member. Johnson said the group often uses the local senior bus to get to the events.

The Red Hat Society has a few rituals, the most obvious of which is the wearing of hats. The women buy and decorate their own hats, but only women over 50 are allowed to wear red hats – women younger than 50 wear pink hats. Purple hats are only worn either by queen mums; by a red hatter



MEMBERS OF THE RED HAT SOCIETY Dwight chapter gathered for a photo during a "Titanic" themed dinner and program held at the Dwight Country Club. The

social group of women approaching age 50 and beyond meets for fun outings whenever the opportunity arises.

celebrating her birthday; or by a red hatter who has battled breast cancer or wants to raise awareness of breast cancer, Johnson said.

"When you come to a meeting, you're required to wear your hat," Johnson said. But she added that if a member really doesn't want to wear a hat, "we kind of let it slide."

Many women also wear red and/or purple attire, often quite decorative in nature.

"Shirley Holzhauer is our most decorated red hatter," Johnson said. "She has all the garb."

She explained another society trait – "Our instrument of choice is the kazoo, and we have performed at the Country Mansion!"

Johnson said getting to know new people is one of the greatest outcomes of membership in the Red Hat Society.

"Because we're such a diversified group, you meet a lot of new people that you wouldn't meet anywhere else," she said.

New members are welcome to join and can contact Judy Zabel, Patricia Burkhalter, Diane Bricker, Kathy Bunting or Mary Johnson to participate.

"Anybody that's interested is more than welcome," Johnson said. "Take a little time out of your busy life to do something for yourself."

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Renovation Planned for Heritage Manor, Dwight

by Meta Machulis
 A major renovation is about to begin at Heritage Manor nursing home, Dwight. The renovation will involve virtually all areas of the home, according to Randy Provence, administra-



tor. One of the major updates will involve refurbishing resident rooms and bathrooms. "Each resident room is going to be basically rehabbed all over," Provence said. This includes new furniture and decor, drapes, floor and wall coverings and flat screen TVs. The bathrooms will be overhauled with new counters and sinks, hardware, doors and floor coverings. Other areas to be renovated include the therapy department, nurses' station, dayrooms, front living room, activity room and hallways. New handrails will be installed in the hallways. Heritage Manor will also replace its fire alarm system and outdoor storage areas. In addition, "We'll replace some windows, which will be more energy-efficient," Provence said.

The project is set to begin during the second or third week of April and will take about seven months to complete. Residents will be moved to unaffected rooms while reconstruction is underway and will return to their original rooms when the updates are completed. The administrative offices will also relocate to unaffected areas during the project, but business will be conducted as usual, Provence said.

He said the renovation is taking place because "The building had not been renovated and updated with painting and decor for several years."

Provence added, "We look forward to unveiling our renovated facility later this year and continuing to provide the trusted care and support the community has come to expect from us."

Dwight Senior Citizens Meet

The Dwight Senior Citizens met March 8 at the senior center with 20 members, one guest and a new member, Millie Doran, in attendance. Heritage Manor served lunch, with corned beef as the main dish. Leila Patchett conducted the meeting. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given. Door prizes were won by Doris Christenson, Dorothy Christenson, Marilyn Weller, Evelyn Lydigsen and Norm Lewis. Cards were played after the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 8, at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center.

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Without intervention, senior mental health issues are more likely to result in increased hospitalizations, needless physician visits, unnecessary nursing home placement and even death. The new Senior Services Program is designed to positively influence the experience of aging for seniors of all faiths by focusing on two main areas of service: in-home counseling and geriatric care services. The In-Home Counseling services will provide professional counseling to seniors over the age of 60 who are coping with issues such as depression, grief and loss, anxiety, family relationship issues and chronic illness. Geriatric Care Services will focus on providing a support system with care management, education and referral services for adult caregivers of older relatives or friends.

Fischer explained, "Often adult children who are caring for their senior parents are juggling both their family and work responsibilities. This can take an emotional and physical toll on these caregivers. Our agency can provide support to help in balancing these situations."

The agency is currently accepting referrals for the Senior Services Program. There is no fee for these services. Donations are accepted to help support the program. If you, a family member or someone you know could benefit from these services, contact Amy Fischer at 309-829-6307, ext. 222 to make a referral or for more information.

Free Colorectal Cancer Screening Kits Offered

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers is offering free, take-home colorectal cancer screening kits in recognition of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. The screening kits may be picked up through March 19 at one of Morris Hospital's nine off-site locations, including the Dwight Healthcare Center, 101 S. Prairie Ave., Dwight; and the Gardner Healthcare Center, 409 N. Route 53, Gardner. The screening involves a fecal occult blood test that checks for small amounts of hidden blood in the stool, which could be an indication of colorectal cancer. Each screening kits contains instructions for collecting stool samples in the privacy of your own home and returning the samples to the laboratory at Morris Hospital in the provided mailing pouch. Samples must be returned by March 31. Not counting skin cancers, colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer found in men and women in the United States. According to the American Cancer Society, the death rate from colorectal cancer has been going down for the past 15 years as a result of colorectal cancer screenings. Most people with early colon cancer don't have symptoms, which is why early detection screening kits are important. Symptoms usually appear with more advanced disease. For more information on the screening kits, call 815-942-2932, ext. 7364.

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The LIFE Center for Independent Living will host a free clinic for seniors with severe vision loss Monday, March 22, at St. Patrick’s Parish Hall, Dwight.

Dr. Paul Anthony will provide eye exams at the event. He is an eye doctor specially trained to recommend devices that will help when glasses are no longer enough to provide good vision.

“He will provide a thorough examination and make recommendations of the devices he believes will work effectively for each individual,” said Kim Tarkowski, a LIFE Center vision access and education advocate. “LIFE Center will then purchase the recommended devices and train the individual in its use.”

Devices LIFE Center provides include items such as large-print calendars and check registers, writing and



signature guides, talking watches and clocks, magnifiers and solar shields. Several of these will be displayed and demonstrated at the event.

All items are provided free of charge as part of a program funded through federal stimulus money.

To be eligible, seniors must be over the age of 55; must have a severe vision loss, such as diabetic retinopathy or glaucoma, that affects their daily living;

and must be a resident of Livingston, Ford, McLean or DeWitt counties.

Appointments are necessary for the low vision clinic; appointment times will be between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. To make an appointment, or for more information on LIFE Center’s low vision clinics or amplified telephone program, call Kim Tarkowski toll-free (voice/TTY) at 888-543-3245 or e-mail her at kim@lifecil.org

Senior Expo Today at Joliet Junior College

Seniors of all ages are invited to attend the Eighth Annual Senior Expo today, March 17, on the Joliet Junior College Main Campus.

The expo will be held in the C-G concourse from 9 a.m. to noon. Services at the event will include digital driver’s license and state I.D. renewal by the Secretary of State’s Office and health screenings by local health-care facilities and providers, along with many vendors with free giveaways and door prizes.

This event is sponsored by Let’s Play, Seniors in Motion association and Joliet Junior College.

For more information, contact Brenda Large at 815-280-1504 or e-mail her at blarge@jjc.edu

Are Doctors Missing Diabetics?

If you are 45 years and older, overweight and have high-risk factors such as high blood pressure and cholesterol, you should ask your doctor for a diabetes test during routine visits, says Dr. Ann Sheehy, a hospitalist at University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics.

“Since Type 2 diabetes is often asymptomatic, most people are not aware they have the disease until they have a blood test showing elevated blood glucose,” she said.

Doctors may also miss the diagnosis because one of the two main national screening

guidelines they use doesn’t identify about one-third of those with diabetes.

That’s what Sheehan and collaborators found in a study comparing the two guidelines—one from the American Diabetes Association (ADA), the other from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF).

According to the study, the USPSTF guideline, which recommends diabetes screening only for people with high blood pressure, missed the mark substantially. The ADA test was much more reliable.

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‘Impacting the Grief Journey’ Seminar to be Hosted by HKV

Hospice of Kankakee Valley’s annual palliative care and end-of-life care seminar will address “Impacting the Grief Journey” at the Hilton Garden Inn, Kankakee, on Wednesday, March 24, from 5:15 to 8:15 p.m. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m.

Guest speaker David Debono, M.D., will help participants better understand grief and learn how professionals can positively impact the grief journey of their patients and family members. Dr. Debono is a senior staff physician in palliative medicine at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. He is board-certified in internal medicine, oncology and hematology, and hospice and palliative care. Previously, he practiced locally for 14 years, specializing in oncology/hematology and hos-

pice and palliative care. He has written various journal articles, led discussions on end-of-life care in various settings and taught precepts of palliative care and symptom management to many healthcare professionals.

The guest lecture will be followed by dinner and a panel discussion with family members and professionals who will discuss coping with anticipatory grief, loss and bereavement. The panel will be facilitated by Lynn McDonald, M.D., Hospice of Kankakee Valley’s medical director.

The goal of this program is to increase healthcare professionals’ and interested community members’ knowledge of grief, loss and bereavement. By attending this seminar, participants will be able to list four manifestations of grief, describe three tasks of grieving, discuss health risks for

bereaved individuals and explain how interventions used by healthcare professionals can positively impact grieving patients and families.

This activity has been submitted to Illinois Nurses Association Approver Unit for approval to award contact hours. Illinois Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

Two contact hours of continuing education credit for Illinois licensed nursing home administrators, social workers and professional counselors/clinical counselors have also been applied for through Kankakee Community College, an approved provider of continuing education through the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional

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There is a fee to attend. Seating is limited. For more information, contact Hospice of Kankakee Valley at 815-939-4141.

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Good Samaritan Takes Over Livingston Manor in Pontiac

Plans announced to build new facility

by Meta Machulis

On Monday, March 1, Livingston Manor nursing home in Pontiac became Good Samaritan Pontiac after the company, which also operates Good Samaritan Flanagan, assumed ownership of the nursing home.

As Livingston Manor, the nursing home was operated by Livingston County. Over the past few years, the county had been interested in getting out of the nursing home business, and the Livingston County Board eventually decided to allow another entity to take over the nursing home rather than closing its doors.

Steve Johnson, the administrator of Good

Samaritan Pontiac, said that when Livingston County opened Livingston Manor – in 1859 – it was not uncommon for public bodies to operate nursing homes and similar facilities.

“As society changed, other private enterprises have picked up that role,” he said.

In December 2008, Good Samaritan and Livingston County entered into an agreement to begin transferring ownership of the nursing home to Good Samaritan, Johnson said. That transfer became complete on March 1.

“This process has been a joint effort...between Good Samaritan and the Livingston County Board,” Johnson said, adding that it

has been a “fairly smooth transition.”

The 122-bed skilled and intermediate nursing long-term care facility is located at 14335 U.S. Highway 66, Pontiac.

“We haven’t changed a great deal,” Johnson said. “We’ve retained probably 85 percent of the employees who were here before.” He said most employees who were not retained either chose to retire with the change of ownership, or left work to continue their education.

“The principles of caring for people were very similar with both (Livingston Manor and Good Samaritan),” Johnson said. He noted that one change is that Good Samaritan, which is affiliated with the Lutheran faith, will add “a more in-depth spiritual component” to the nursing home.

The future of Good Samaritan Pontiac includes the construction of a new facility, currently in the planning stages. Johnson said Good Samaritan is currently selecting a design firm and negotiating for property on which to build the new facility. He said the new facility is planned to be a 122-bed nursing home as well.

“We anticipate the opening to be sometime toward the end of 2011,” Johnson said, adding that Good Samaritan must ensure codes and regulations are met before such a facility can open.

Livingston County still owns the actual building that is currently Good Samaritan Pontiac, so it will be up to the county to decide what happens with the present building, Johnson said.



AS PART OF NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS Week, God-with-Us Preschool at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Dwight, had a Grandparent's and Special Person's day on March 11. Grandparents and special people were treated to breakfast and then participated in a number of activities with the preschool students.

Spending Time with Grandparents Produces Better Behavior in Teens

Spending time with a grandparent is linked with better social skills and fewer behavior problems among adolescents. This is especially true for those living in single-parent or stepfamily households, according to a recent study.

This study, appearing in the Journal of Family Psychology, published by the American Psychological Association, found that children and adolescents whose parents have separated or divorced see their grandparents as confidants and sources of comfort.

“Grandparents are a positive force for all families but play a significant role in families undergoing difficulties,” said lead author Shalhevet Attar-Schwartz, PhD, of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. “They can reduce the negative influence of parents separating and be a resource for children who are going through these family changes.”

The researchers asked 1,515 English and Welsh 11- to 16-year-olds from 1,010 schools who lived with two biological parents (66.3 percent), a single parent (18 per-

cent) or within stepfamilies (15.7 percent) how much involvement they had with their closest grandparents to see if this relationship made a difference in the children's emotional and behavioral adjustment. Students reported that the more they talked to a grandparent about social and school activities, got advice or felt they could ask for money, the less hyperactive and disruptive they were, said Attar-Schwartz. They were also more likely to get along with their peers.

“This was found across all three family structures,” she said. “But adolescents in single-parent households and stepfamilies benefited the most. The effect of their grandparents' involvement was stronger compared to children from two biological parent families.”

As with previous studies, this research found that grandchildren are closer to their maternal grandparents and, within that dyad, closer to their grandmothers.

Supportive relationships with other family members outside the immediate family may lead to better adjustment for children and adolescents, said the authors,

who found this is especially true for children growing up in single-parent and stepfamily homes.

Those living solely with their grandparents were excluded from this study, as the authors were only interested in adolescents from other family types.

These findings can be generalized to the U.S. population, the authors said.

“It is likely that those adolescents in the United States who have regular contact with their grandparents also reap the same benefits,” said Attar-Schwartz.

U.S. households are showing a steady rise in grandparents living with their grandchildren, possibly more now due to the economic downturn. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (2004), more than 5 million households reported having a grandparent living with grandchildren under 18. This is a 30 percent increase from the 1990 census.

Of those grandparents living with their grandchildren in 2004, about 2.4 million were primarily responsible for the grandchildren.

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How to Build a Social Life as a Senior Citizen

from wikiHow.com

When a mature person loses a spouse, a close friend, or even a pet, it can be very easy to lose perspective on life. Children (if any) have often moved away and are frequently so heavily involved in their own lives that they cannot spend a lot of time with their aging parents. Although experiencing loss and loneliness as a senior citizen is difficult, it is not impossible to develop a new social life. A good attitude is a major factor, as is making most of the opportunities that come your way.

Here are some ways that you can begin to build a ful-

filling social life for yourself that will help you to live meaningfully and with purpose.

- **Determine what activities you used to enjoy.** Did a loss cause you to set aside favorite hobbies or pursuits? Pick them up from where you left off. Or try new activities with the help of a local club, group, church or even through Internet and library research. Use the local newspaper to keep abreast of upcoming events of interest.

- **Return to keeping fit.** While climbing Mt. Everest may no longer be in the cards, there is certainly nothing stopping you from continuing physical activities involving

walking clubs or other fitness activities made available especially for seniors. Staying fit is a sure way to build confidence and regain a healthy outlook on life!

- **Find a buddy.** If you feel reluctant to go out on your own, invite a friend or neighbor to attend events with you. Get back into the rhythm of meeting new friends.

- **Become a mentor for younger people.** Young people are eager and willing learners when they discover that you have knowledge that you are willing to share. Offer your services at local clubs to give talks, to teach a skill or to guide people (at museums, zoos, parks, etc.). Elderly

people are respected for their knowledge; capitalize on this by sharing it.

- **Remain positive.** The pain will always be there; that is the nature of loss. You deserve the best after giving so much of yourself to the world. Smile when you're feeling down. Smiling induces positive chemical changes in the brain and brings us back up. Take in a light movie or rent an old classic to watch at home. Rediscover your sense of humor and your well-being will improve; this is all the more important if you have buried yourself under a load of sadness, self-pity and sorrow.

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Locals Win 3-on-3 Tourney at Woodland

Dwight Grade School students Drew Jensen, Devin Connolly, Gus Rieke and Caleb Boma participated in the Central Illinois 3-on-3 Shootout at Streator Woodland sponsored by the local Lions Club and the Booster Club. They played in the 12-13 year old bracket and after eight games of play were crowned the winners in their age group consisting of 18 teams.

Others participating in the tournament from Dwight were Jens Kennedy in the 16-17-year-old division and sixth graders Conor and Blaine Livingston, Jace Kennedy and Connor Gantzert.

Caleb Boma and Devin Connolly also took part in the 12-15 year old 3-point



WINNING THE 12-13 YEAR OLD division in the Central Illinois 3-on-3 Shootout were: front row, l to r, Caleb Boma, Gus Rieke. Back row, l to r, Drew Jensen, Devin Connolly.

shootout. Boma won the contest sinking seven out of 10 and received a plaque as

the 3-Point "Sharpshooter" Champion for his efforts.



ODELL RAMGALS VOLLEYBALL

March 8 Ramgals vs. Low-Point Washburn 8th Grade-

The Odell Ramgals eighth grade volleyball team defeated Low-Point Washburn, 25-13.

Scoring the win were: Julie Hogan, 20 points; Kaela Hodges, seven points, eight spikes; Sami Battle, four points, seven spikes; Andrea Flynn and Alyson Wiemken, four points each.

March 9 Ramgals vs. St. Mary's 8th Grade-

The Ramgal eighth graders defeated St. Mary's, 25-20 and 26-24.

Helping score the victory were: Sami Battle, 12 points, nine spikes; Julie Hogan, six points; Alyson Wiemken, three points, one spike; Andrea Flynn, three points; Kaela Hodges, two points, 27 spikes.

March 10 Ramgals vs. Woodland 8th Grade-

The eighth grade Ramgals were defeated by Woodland, 25-11, 16-25 and 19-25, in the Regional

Championship.

Bumping up the Ramgals stats were: Sami Battle, 16 points, two spikes; Kaela Hodges, nine points, 18 spikes; Ashley Fox, six points; Andrea Flynn, three points; Julie Hogan and Alyson Wiemken, one point each.



Dates Set for Saunemin Basketball Camp

Saunemin's 12th annual summer basketball camp will be held June 28 through July 2 at the Saunemin Grade School gymnasium, from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

The camp is open to any player who will enter fourth through eighth grade next school year. The cost of the camp includes a T-shirt. For more information, visit www.saunemin.org or call the school at 815-832-4421.



TRI-POINT TRACK AND FIELD

March 13 Lady Chargers

The Tri-Point Lady Chargers participated with a small contingent in the Charleston High School Indoor Invitational at Eastern Illinois University's Lantz Fieldhouse.

Individual results for the Lady Chargers were: 800m, Rachael Kerrins, 2:45.03, 23rd; 1600m: Sabrina Wallrich, 6:10.90, 29th, personal best; Brooke Shelby, 6:36.02, 45th; and 55m, Briana Berens, :10.27.

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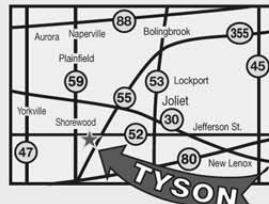
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THE SAUNEMIN FIFTH/SIXTH GRADE EAGLES collected the Championship title in the St. Mary's Volleyball Extravaganza. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Destiny Riley, Courtney Riley, Kenzie Roahrig, Bailee Osborn; back row: Coach Masching, Ashley Harfst, Cassie Einhaus, Hannah Slown, Molly Ruddy, Coaches Josefik and Roahrig.



SAUNEMIN EAGLES VOLLEYBALL

March 8
Eagles vs. Rossville Alvin
8th Grade-

The Saunemin Eagles eighth grade volleyball team was defeated by Rossville Alvin, 25-22, 24-26 and 18-25, in first round Regional play.

Scoring for the Eagles were: Becca Lee, 11 points, one ace; Bethany Horrie, 10 points, two aces; Rachel Brakeville, six points; Anna Landstrom, four points; Kaitlin Garcia, two points; Danielle Miller played well for the Eagles.

St. Mary's Extravaganza
Eagles vs. St. Anthony's
5/6th Grade-

The fifth/sixth grade Eagles defeated St. Anthony's, 25-10 and 25-15.

Scoring the win were:

Kenzie Roahrig, 10 points, four aces; Molly Ruddy, eight points, two aces; Cassie Einhaus, eight points; Ashley Harfst, five points; Destiny Riley, two points, one ace; Bailee Osborn, one point; Hannah Slown and Courtney Riley played well.

Eagles vs. St. Mary's
5/6th Grade-

The Eagles volleyball team flew over St. Mary's sixth graders, 25-15 and 25-10.

Helping score the win were: Cassie Einhaus, 14 points; Bailee Osborn, eight points; Kenzie Roahrig, seven points, one ace; Ashley Harfst, three points; Molly Ruddy, two points, one ace.

Eagles vs. Fieldcrest
5/6th Grade-

The Saunemin fifth/sixth

graders defeated Fieldcrest, 20-25, 25-23 and 15-10, in third round tournament play.

Scoring for the Eagles were: Kenzie Roahrig, 11 points; Molly Ruddy, nine points; Bailee Osborn, five points; Cassie Einhaus, four points, one ace; Destiny Riley and Bailee Osborn, three points each.

Eagles vs. Fieldcrest
5/6th Grade-

The Eagles volleyball team defeated Fieldcrest, 25-10 and 25-19, in the championship game.

Scoring the title were: Bailee Osborn, 12 points; Ashley Harfst, six points, two aces; Cassie Einhaus, six points; Kenzie Roahrig, five points; Hannah Slown, three points; Molly Ruddy, two points.



MVK LADY MAVERICKS VOLLEYBALL

March 8
Lady Mavericks
vs. Crescent City
7th Grade-

The MVK seventh grade Lady Maverick volleyball team defeated Crescent City, 26-24 and 25-23, to claim the 7A Sectional game, improving its record to 23-0.

Lexi Wilkinson led all MVK scorers with nine service points.

March 11
Lady Mavericks
vs. Thornton Wolcott
8th Grade-

The Lady Mavericks eighth graders defeated Thornton Wolcott, 25-17 and 25-13, in the title game of the Regional. The Lady Mavericks improved their record to 21-2.

Scoring the victory were:

Danielle Hauch, 16 points, three aces, two kills; Maggie Thomas, eight points; Mallory Misener, five points, seven assists, two kills; Mackenzie Granby, two points, two aces, one kill; Taylor Creed, one point, two kills; Terah Coughlin, one point; Paige Finch, two kills; Lexi Harty, one kill.

March 10
Lady Mavericks
vs. Maternity BVM
8th Grade-

The eighth grade Lady Mavericks opened Regional play with a victory over Maternity BVM, 25-9 and 25-11.

Helping score the win were: Taylor Creed, 16 points, three kills, one ace, one assist, one block; Mallory Misener, 10 points, six assists, two aces; Maggie Thomas, nine points, three aces, two digs, one kill; Terah Coughlin, five aces, two kills; Mackenzie Granby, two kills, one ace, one assist; Paige Finch and Lexi Harty, one dig each.

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 HSG, 267, Larry Woodcock;
 HTG, 730, Gassman's

League Standings	W	L
JT's Saloon	27½	12½
Gassman's	26	14
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Serv Pro	22½	17½
Victory Lanes	20½	19½
Perkins Wood/Glass	19	21
Ron De Voo	15½	24½
Ghost	5	35

Sportsman's League
 HG, 258, Merle Wren;
 HS, 638, Jeff Gallup; HHG,
 266, Jeff Brooks; HHS, 661,
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League Standings	W	L
J.F. Recycling	30	10
Dwight Trucking	23	17
Victory Lanes	22	18
K & D Detailing	21	19
Starr Trucking	21	19
Willy's Pub	20	20
McArdle Grain	19	21
Jensen's BP	17	23
DeLong Ford	15	25
Smoke Wrench	12	28

Wednesday Aft. Bowlers
 HG, 267, Brian Dobbs;
 HS, 762, Brian Dobbs; HTG,
 727, William J. Hooker;
 HTS, 2083, William J.
 Hooker

League Standings	W	L
Splitters	75½	40½
Vigna's	65½	50½
Tag-A-Longs	65	51
The Hen House	63	53
Curves	62½	53½
William J. Hooker	61½	54½
Foxy Ladies	61½	54½
Becker's	56½	59½
Kelly Electric	55	61

Ladies Night Out
 HG, 198, Jennifer Jensen;
 184, Sharon Heintz; 181,
 Stacey Woodin; HS, 529,
 Patti Drechsel; 487, Sharon
 Heintz; 471, Stacey Woodin

League Standings	W	L
Dairy Queen	63	25
Rodosky Acctg.	49	39
Victory Lanes	49	39
Joan Bullard Rlty.	49	39
Street & Alley	40½	47½
Bank of Dwight	37	51
Jensen BP	32	56
Slammers	31½	56½



Dwight Seniors
Duplicate
Bridge Results

The results of the duplicate bridge game played at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center on March 11 are:

North-South: first, Liz Houck and Marge Mueller; second, Dorothy Christenson and Darlene Drechsel; third, Janet Kresl and Lee Fuerstenberg.

East-West: first, Janyce Gross and Stella Spandet; second, Marilyn Munger and Leila Patchett; third, Norma Houck and Carol Bush.

The next game will be played at the senior center on Thursday, March 25.



DGS
REDBIRDS
WRESTLING

March 12 and 13

The DGS Redbird wrestling team sent Triston Dircks, Brandon Allen, Anthony Bauer and alternate Shawn DeLong to the State Tournament in the NIU Convocation Center in DeKalb.

"Triston Dircks and Brandon Allen were only able to wrestle one match because of the format of the tournament. The wrestlers who beat them did not advance far enough for our boys to have a chance to compete in the consolation bracket. Anthony Bauer won his first match but was unable to overcome some very tough competition in his bracket. All of the boys put forth a very strong effort. Triston and Anthony will be moving on to high school; Brandon will have another shot next year," stated Coach Justin Eggenberger.

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Dwight Hosts, Wins Regional Scholastic Bowl



THE SCHOLASTIC BOWL TEAM at Dwight Township High School won its second consecutive Regional championship on Monday, March 8. Pictured are, left to right, front row: Kate Muller, Gerry Holmes, Kristina Bulian, Doug Black and Donnie McClarey; back row: Coach Clark Reamer, Mike Halloran, Michael Muzyka, Joel Kelleher and Ryan Kaiser.

On Monday, March 8, Dwight Township High School hosted an IHSA Class A Scholastic Bowl Regional. In round one, the top-ranked Trojans faced Milford and advanced with a 236-96 victory. Joel Kelleher led the team with five toss-up questions in the match. Donnie McClarey added four, Ryan Kaiser had two and Mike Halloran had one.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for road purposes of the Rogers Township, in the County of Ford, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2010, and ending March 31, 2011, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Township Office from and after 6 o'clock P.M., 12 day, March, 2010. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:30 o'clock P.M., 13 day, April, 2010, at Township Office in this Township and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at Township Office at 7:45 o'clock P.M., 13 day, April, 2010.

Charles Deany, Clerk

NOTE: This notice of the public hearing must be given at least 30 days prior to the time of the hearing; must be published in newspaper if one is published in District; if no newspaper is published in the District, notice shall be published in a newspaper published in the county having general circulation in the District. If there is no such newspaper published in the county, the notice must be posted in five of the most public places in the District.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Town of Rogers, in the County of Ford, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2010, and ending March 31, 2011, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Township Office from and after 6 o'clock P.M., 12 day, March, 2010. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:30 o'clock P.M., 13 day, April, 2010, at Township Office in this Town and that final action on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held at 7:45 o'clock P.M., on the 13 day of April, 2010. Dated this 11 day of March, 2010.

Roger Birch, Supervisor
Charles Deany, Clerk

NOTE—This notice of public hearing must be given at least 30 days prior to the time of hearing, must be published in newspaper if one is published in township; if no newspaper is published in the township, notice shall be published in a newspaper published in the county having general circulation in the township. If there is no such newspaper published in the county, the notice must be posted in five of the most public places in the township.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal residents of the Town of Rogers, in the County of Ford, and State of Illinois, that the ANNUAL MEETING of said Town will take place on

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010
being the second Tuesday of said month.

The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 8 o'clock P.M.* on said day at Township Office and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: General Township Business.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2010.†

Charles Deany
Town Clerk

*The annual town meeting and any special town meeting shall be held after the hour of 6:00 p.m., unless the time is changed by the electors at a duly convened meeting.

†Notice of the time and place of holding town meetings shall be given by the town clerk, or, in his absence, the supervisor, assessor, or collector, by posting written or printed notices in three of the most public places in the town, at least ten days prior to the meeting, and if there is a newspaper published in the town, by at least one publication therein, prior to the meeting.



Erin Hogan

DTHS Names Junior Student of the Month

Dwight Township High School would like to congratulate Erin Hogan on being named DTHS junior student of the month of March.

She is an honor roll student and is active in cheerleading and Peer Advisors.

Erin is the daughter of Jim and Patti Hogan of Blackstone.

LACC Student of the Month

Steven Shumaker has been selected as the Livingston Area Career Center student of the month of March.

Steven is a student in L.I.F.E. class at Dwight Township High School. Miss Christenson nominated Steven based on participation and motivation in the classroom. He will be recognized in the monthly issue of the "VOC," which is printed as part of the Pontiac Daily Leader. For his leadership and excellence in family and consumer sciences, Steven also received a certificate of achievement and the opportunity to job shadow at an area business.

Dwight Grade School to Hold Kindergarten Registration

The registration of kindergarten students for the 2010-2011 school year will occur on Tuesday, March 30, between the hours of 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. in the Dwight Grade School office. Registration packets may be obtained by one of the following methods:

- Using the DGS website to download the three forms that comprise the registration packet

- By coming into the school office to request a copy of the kindergarten registration packet

At the March 30 registration, parents will submit completed registration forms. To register their child, parents are asked to bring their child's birth certificate. Parents may turn in their child's physical and dental forms in August. Copies of these forms may be down-

loaded from the website or obtained from the school office. During the registration process, parents will also be required to schedule a time for their child to participate in a kindergarten entrance assessment which will be held on August 9 so that the district can best meet the needs of incoming kindergarten students.

Right before the beginning of the school year, students and their parents will receive an invitation to attend Kindergarten Orientation Night. This night will consist of students and their parents traveling to different stations to learn about kindergarten.

If you have any questions concerning kindergarten registration or the kindergarten entrance assessment, contact the grade school office.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF DWIGHT, LIVINGSTON AND GRUNDY COUNTIES, IL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing shall be held before the President and Members of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dwight, Illinois with respect to the Tentative Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing April 1, 2010 and ending March 31, 2011 for the Village of Dwight. The Public Hearing shall be held on Monday, March 22, 2010 at the Hour of 5:30 P.M. at the Public Services Complex, 209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois.

Copies of the Tentative Annual Budget are available for public inspection commencing Monday, February 22, 2010 at the Office of the Dwight Village Clerk, Public Services Complex, 209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois 60420 during regular business hours.

At the time and place of the Public Hearing on the Tentative Annual Budget, all interested parties are invited to attend and make their views known, either orally, in writing, or by a representative.

After the close of the Public Hearing, the President and Members of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dwight shall vote on the Annual Budget Ordinance for the above Fiscal Year, either as presented or as modified after the Public Hearing.

For further information, contact the Village Administrator as set forth above during regular business hours:

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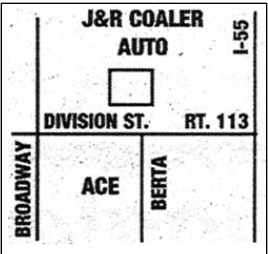
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THE DTHS MATHLETES participated in the March 10 JJC Invitational Math Contest, with 12 Trojans earning medals. Pictured left to right are Joel Kelleher, T.J. Parks, Mallorie Rosales, Becca Cain, Sam Rybacki, Lindie McCarthy, Brady Foose, John Broeksmit, Mike Halloran, Dan Hansen, Karly Feddersen, Kate Tock, Michael Muzyka, Ryan Kaiser, Carson Banks, Austin Gantzert and Haley Hansen.

12 DTHS Mathletes Medal at JJC Contest

The Dwight Township High School math team competed in the annual Joliet Junior College Invitational Math Contest on Wednesday, March 10. Twelve DTHS Mathletes

medaled at the contest: seniors Karly Feddersen, Mike Halloran, Gerry Holmes, Ryan Kaiser, Michael Muzyka and Kate Tock took first place in Trigonometric Equations and second place

in Sequences and Series; juniors John Broeksmit, Becca Cain, Joel Kelleher, Lindie McCarthy, Mallorie Rosales and Sam Rybacki took first place in the Composite Functions contest.

The DTHS Mathletes will be in action again at the ICTM State Finals, which will be held at the University of Illinois on Saturday, May 1.

Dwight Christmas Committee Makes Several Donations

The Dwight Christmas Committee recently presented donations to four local organizations: Christmas for Kids, Dwight Teen Center, the After School Program and Dwight Township Food Pantry. Each organization's goal is to help children and parents in Dwight.

Christmas for Kids recently completed its 18th year of providing Christmas gifts to area children. This year, the program provided gifts to approximately 175 children.

The teen center recently opened and provides supervised activities for teens of Dwight.

The After School Program is currently in its ninth year of operation. It provides a nutritious snack

as well as tutoring to 25 grade school children, two days each week.

The Dwight Township Food Pantry provides food and assistance to qualifying families.

These donations were made possible from the sale of the Dwight Christmas ornaments.

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Mar. 21: 10:15 a.m.,
Worship Service; 11:30
a.m., Confirmation Class;
2 p.m., Heritage Manor
Worship.

Mar. 22: 6:15 p.m.,
Choir.

Mar. 23: 6:30 p.m.,
Deacons.
Mar. 24: 1:30 p.m.,
BINGO.

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325 E. Mazon Ave.,
Dwight
584-3433, church
584-1291 fax
584-1023, parsonage
Rev. Daniel Ognoskie,
Sr. Pastor
Rev. Jacob Ehrhard,
Assoc. Pastor
Mar. 17: 1 p.m., Mary
& Martha; 3:30 p.m.,
Weekday School; 5:30
p.m., Meal (Mary &
Martha); 5:45 p.m., Bells;
6:30 p.m., Choir; 7 p.m.,
Lenten Service.

Mar. 20: 5 p.m.,
Worship/Communion.
Mar. 21: 9 a.m., Bible
Study/Sunday School; 10
a.m., Fellowship/Coffee;
10:30 a.m., Wor-
ship/Communion.

Mar. 23: 6:30 p.m.,
Adult Instruction.
Mar. 24: 3:30 p.m.,
Weekday School; 5:30
p.m., Meal (Elders); 5:45
p.m., Bells; 6:30 p.m.,
Choir; 7 p.m., Lenten
Service.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

326 W. Chippewa,
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Mar. 17: 5:30-6:30
p.m., Confirmation; 6
p.m., Anna Circle,
Presentation of the Third
Article of the Creed; 6:30
p.m., Lenten Supper; 7
p.m., Lenten Service.

Mar. 18: 1:30 p.m.,
Sarah Circle at St. Peter's
- Edie Lund, hostess; 3-
4:30 p.m., After School
Adventures.

Mar. 19: 8-9 a.m.,
Exercise; 9 a.m., SPYs
Easter Eggs and Stuff;
4:30 p.m., SPYs Youth
Encounter Zone, Naper-
ville, through Sunday; 8
p.m., AA Meeting.

Mar. 20: SAMS Class.
Mar. 21: Spandet Trust
Scholarship deadline;
8:15 a.m., Worship; 9:15
a.m., Sunday School;
10:30 a.m., HC Worship
and Baptism.

Mar. 22: 8-9 a.m.,
Exercise; 9 a.m.-noon,
Quilting.
Mar. 23: 9 a.m.-noon,
Quilting; 3-4:30 p.m.,
After School Adventures;
7 p.m., Worship Team
Meeting.

Mar. 24: 8-9 a.m.,
Exercise; 5:30 p.m.,
Choir; 5:30-6:30 p.m.,
Confirmation; 6:30 p.m.,
Lenten Supper; 7 p.m.,
Lenten Service.

Mar. 25: 3-4:30 p.m.,
After School Adventures.

Dwight United Methodist Church

701 S. Columbia, Dwight
584-3420, church
584-3425, fax
584-1554, parsonage
Pastor: Rev. William
Leppin
Mar. 18: 5:30 p.m.,
Handbells; 6:30 p.m.,
Sanctuary Choir; 7 p.m.,
Evangelism; 8 p.m., AD
Council.

Mar. 20: 2-6 p.m.,
Passion Play, Bloom-
ington; 5:30 p.m., Gospel
Fest at DTHS; 6 p.m.,
YAGOs, Pontiac Family
Restaurant.

Mar. 21: 7:15-8:15
a.m., Set up for UMYF
Coffee Shop; 7:55 a.m.,
Children's Choir Rehear-
sal; 8 a.m., Traditional
Worship Service with
Children's Choir; 8:30-
10:30 a.m., UMYF
Coffee Shop; 9:15 a.m.,
Sunday School, Praise
and Worship Team
Rehearsal; 10:30 a.m.,
Praise and Worship
Service; 5:30 p.m., Prayer
Group.

Mar. 22: 7 p.m., UMM.
Mar. 23: 8:30 a.m.,
Bible Study, Karla B..

Mar. 23: 9 a.m., Bible
Study, Jean V.; 5:30-7
p.m., First Place 4 Health;
6 p.m., Prayer Shawl; 7
p.m., SPRC.

Mar. 24: 1-3 p.m., Set
up Youth Activities; 3-4
p.m., Children's Choir; 3-
4:30 p.m., Jr. UMYF;
4:45 p.m., Confirmation;
5:30-8:30 p.m., Sr.
UMYF; 6 p.m., Trustees;
7 p.m., Bible Warriors,
GLOW Workers; 8:30-
9:30 p.m., UMYF Bible
Study.

Mar. 25: 3-4:30 p.m.,
Kids' Club; 5:45 p.m.,
Handbells; 7 p.m.,
Sanctuary Choir.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Mazon and Prairie
Avenues, Dwight
Rev. James Rickey,
Pastor
584-3522, Rectory
Mar. 20: 4-4:45 p.m.,
Reconciliation; 5 p.m.,
Mass.
Mar. 21: 8 a.m., Mass;
10:30 a.m., Mass.

First Baptist Church

401 N. Clinton St.,
Dwight
815-584-3182
Rev. Daniel Woodward
Mar. 21: 9:45 a.m.,
Sunday School; 10:45
a.m., Sunday Morning
Service; 6 p.m., Sunday
Evening Service.
Mar. 24: 7 p.m., Wed-
nesday Evening Service
and King's Kids Child-
ren's Program.

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Angel Escamilla, Pastor
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Mar. 17: 10 a.m.,
Women of Focus Bible
Study; 6:30 p.m., Mpac
Girls Club, Royal
Rangers; 7 p.m., Worship
Practice.

Mar. 18: 6:30 p.m., X-
treme Youth, Women of
Focus Bible Study.

Mar. 21: 9 a.m.,
Sunday School for all
ages; 10 a.m., Church
Service, Pre-K Church
(ages 3-5); Kids Church;
6 p.m., Sunday Night
Prayer Group.
Mar. 22: 5:30 p.m.,
First Place.

Mar. 23: 6 p.m., Truth-
seekers Bible Study.

St. John's Lutheran Church

511 W. Jackson, Cullom
Rev. Trudy Foote, Pastor
689-2120, church
st.johns@frontiernet.net
Mar. 17: 9:15-9:30
a.m., Prayer Service; 7
p.m., Worship.

Mar. 20: 5 p.m.,
Worship/HC.

Mar. 21: 8:45 a.m.,
Conf. Class; 9 a.m.,
Sunday School; 10 a.m.,
Worship.

Mar. 24: 9:15-9:30
a.m., Prayer Service; 6
p.m., Soup Surprise
Supper; 7 p.m., Worship.
Mar. 25: April newslet-
ter items into office.

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Janet Chandler, Pastor
Mar. 17: 4 p.m., Choir
Practice; 6 p.m., Soup and
Bread Lenten Study.
Mar. 21: 9 a.m.,
Sunday School and
Confirmation Class;
10:15 a.m., Worship
Service.
Mar. 23: 7 p.m., Ses-
sion/Deacons Meeting.
Mar. 24: 4 p.m., Choir
Practice; 6 p.m., Soup and
Bread Lenten Study.

Braceville United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 46
106 W. Goold St.
Braceville
815-237-8512, church
Pastor Andrea Boggs
Mar. 17: 8 a.m., Prayer
Service; 3-4:30 p.m.,
JAM (K-4th grades) and
EDGE (5th-6th grades)
after school programs; 6-
8 p.m., STATIC Youth
(7th-12th grades).

Mar. 18: 9-10 a.m.,
Exercise.

Mar. 19: 8 p.m.,
Alcoholics Anonymous
meeting.
Mar. 20: Soup Supper
and Talent Show.

Mar. 21: 8:15 a.m. and
10:00 a.m., Worship
Services - "5 Practices of
a Fruitful Congregation;"
Fellowship following
worship.

Mar. 23: 9-10 a.m.,
Exercise; 6:30 p.m., Bible
Study.

Mar. 24: 8 a.m., Prayer
Service; 3-4:30 p.m.,
JAM (K-4th grades) and
EDGE (5th-6th grades)
after school programs; 6-
8 p.m., STATIC Youth
(7th-12th grades).

Mar. 25: 9-10 a.m.,
Exercise.

St. John's Catholic Church Hosts World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer
was hosted by the ladies of
St. John's Catholic Church,
Cullom, in the Parish Hall on
Friday, March 5.

Phyllis Moritz welcomed
the 21 ladies and visiting
priest Father Fontana. The
service, "Let Everything
That Has Breath Praise
God," was prepared by the
World Day of Prayer
Cameroon Committee.
Cameroon is called "Africa
in miniature."

Taking part in the service
were Phyllis Moritz, Marie
Haag, Judy Wojciechowski,
Birgit McCulley, Linda
Vercler and Bonnie Kane. An
offering was received to help
alleviate the suffering of
many Cameroonian women
and children.

After the service, the
ladies served rolls, breads,
juice and coffee. The 2011
World Day of Prayer will be
hosted by the Cullom United
Methodist ladies.



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Upcoming Meetings

2010

Mar. 18: Dwight VFW Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 22: Gardner American Legion Auxiliary Meeting, 7 p.m.

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Mar. 18: Blood Drive, Saunemin Community Center, 2-6 p.m.

Mar. 20: Spaghetti Dinner/Arts Night, St. Paul School, Odell, 4-7p.

Mar. 20: Soup Supper, Braceville United Methodist Church, 4-7 p.m.

Mar. 21: Bean Bag Tournament, Dwight VFW, 1 p.m.

Mar. 22: Low Vision Clinic, St. Pat's Parish Hall; 888-543-3254 for appt.

Mar. 26: Bake Sale, Heritage Manor, Dwight, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Mar. 26: Boy Scout Troop #87 Fish Fry, Emington Church, 5-7 p.m.

Mar. 26: Odell Town-Wide Garage Sales, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Mar. 27: Odell Town-Wide Garage Sales, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Mar. 27: Katelyn Joyce Benefit, Kankakee KC Hall, 7 p.m.-midnight.

Apr. 3: Dwight Lions' Easter Egg Hunt, Renfrew Park, Dwight, 10 a.m.

Apr. 11: Gardner Lions Pancake Breakfast, Am. Legion, 7 a.m.-noon

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Dwight Peace Meals

Wed., March 17:
Roast beef with
gravy, mashed pota-
toes, buttered corn,
fruit juice, wheat
bread, raisin bran
muffin.

Thurs., March 18:
Hamburger with let-
tuce and tomato,
perky cottage
cheese, fruit juice,
bun, sliced peaches.

Fri., March 19:
Chili mac casserole,
spinach, cinnamon
baked apples, whole
wheat bread, spicy
fruited carrot cake.

Mon., March 22:
Spaghetti with meat
sauce, peas and
onions, lettuce salad,
whole wheat bread,
sliced pears.

Tues., March 23:
Sweet and sour
chicken on brown
rice, broccoli, wheat
roll, Mandarin
oranges.

Wed., March 24:
Swissd pepper pat-
tie, baked potato,
mixed vegetables,
whole wheat bread,
oatmeal raisin cook-
ie.

Thurs., March 25:
Pork loin with gravy,
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Bileckis Check Out the Czech Route 66 Association

by Marty and Geri Bilecki

It took two invitations, and the second one in 2010 was accepted by us to attend the third annual Czech Route 66 Association convention.

After a 10 and a half hour flight from Chicago to Frankfurt, Germany and then to Prague "Praha," we arrived to be met by Zdenek Jurasek, president of the Czech 66 Association. A whirlwind of activity for these Route 66 "roadies" had already been planned by our hosts and began with a tour of the historic, medieval city with Zdenek and his wife, Eva. It was amazing to walk and tour streets, buildings and the castle – all centuries old. A late dinner in the historic pub Hostinec U Kalicha was shared with several members of the Czech group who have traveled Route 66 previously.

When the Czech group comes to our country, we travel Illinois 66 and tour with them twice yearly. One of our first stops on these tours is a little off of Route 66 just outside of Joliet, to the Lidice Memorial in Crest Hill. This memorial is dedicated to the village of Lidice, Czechoslovakia (a short distance from Prague) which was totally annihilated during World War II by the Nazis. The original town, in the Czech Republic, has a memorial, which we were able to visit. This memorial is where the village once stood, and it is a very emotional site. We could feel the connection to Crest Hill and were honored to visit the original village.

Our memorable visit continued by our attendance at the third annual Czech Route 66 Convention, held in a small historic village of Stod. The area was a fooler as we entered the Daytona, a beautiful split log building, restaurant, bar and banquet hall owned by Stefan Nemecek. This was like walking into any American style banquet hall with all the Route 66 and Harley Davidson memorabilia on display on walls, tables, etc. A great evening of fellowship, live rock and roll and soft rock entertainment and dancing was enjoyed by us.

Also, association awards to their members for contributions were presented. We were honored and surprised to be the recipients of the 2009 Czech "Persons of the Year Award." The plaque reads, in part, "Martin and Geraldine Bilecki were appreciated by the Czech Route 66 Association for their outstanding achievement on Route 66. Marty and Geri Bilecki are selflessly helping expeditions organized by the Czech Route 66 Association to discover the opening part of it in Illinois. Their friendly and welcoming approach makes a whole trip on 'Main Street America' pleasant to all Czech fans of 66." Recognition by the group makes us very proud and we salute them also for all they do for our country and the "Mother Road."

Day three found us touring a huge shopping center in Pilsen which was displaying the many billboards advertising Route 66. These boards were developed by the Association and showed many of the icons and people along the road, highlighting each state. To our delight, many of our friends along the road are featured on these billboards. Along with these billboards were displays of various memorabilia from the USA.

Another highlight was our visit to the city of Zlin, where we attended the 16th anniversary party of the KISS radio station, owned and managed by the Jurasecs. What a gala celebration, attended by more than 300 sponsors, entertainers and friends.

After a three-day stay in the Czech Republic, we traveled to Augsburg, Germany, where Marty served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. Travel was on the autobahn (no speed limit)! Joined by our daughter, Mary Ellen, we visited Bratislava, Slovakia and were hosted by Juraj "George" Hassler to a wonderful lunch, dinner, tour of the city, castle and winery. Several other members of the "Wild Hogs" who have toured the entire route 66 joined us also – Dusan Mucka and Radovan Tuchyna. Vienna, Austria was a city we also



GERI AND MARTY BILECKI of Morris, center, hold the "Persons of the Year" award they received at the third annual convention of the Czech Route 66 Association. At left is the 2008 winner, 70-year-old Route 66 cyclist Frantisek Sestak. At right is Zdenek Jurasek, president of the Czech 66 Association.

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For our journey to Krakow, Poland, we were escorted by Danuta and Milan Slansky. Touring the city with our wonderful hosts, we again saw castles, churches and bell towers, but no sign of Route 66 here! It's coming! An overnight stay at Milan and Danuta's ranch house brought us back to Route 66 memorabilia and a house full of USA momentos. Our daughter, Mary Ellen, was astonished to witness the warmth and friendliness of all of our European Route 66 "roadies." As we stated many times during our stay, the only difference is the language barrier.

This is definitely a trip that will go into our "Kruzin' with the Bileckis" files – one that will forever be in our memories of enjoyment and education. To visit places that date back to the 15th and 16th centuries and to walk on and into places of worship and government – all this and Route 66! What more could we ask for?

Another piece of news: The very first Czech film about the famous Route 66 will be shot this spring during the Czech Route 66 Association's first trip to the Mother of Roads. On its odyssey on the Main Street of America, the association's 20-man band will be accompanied by a film unit under the direction of Tomas Zindler, Czech director and camera



IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC, a billboard at the Pilsen shopping center depicts Route 66 travel. These billboards are moved from one shopping center to another and depict all eight states on Route 66.

man. The movie that seeks to depict the beauties of the famous highway from the perspective of the Czech and Slovak fans will be broadcast on television in the Czech and Slovak Republic. Plans are also underway to distribute the film on DVD. Given that the footage is going to be shot in high resolution, the association also plans to bring the movie to the cinema audience.

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